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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 16, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 5% per Annum.
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On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.

Bankers:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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" 6 " 4 per cent.
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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 14th May, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

THE RARE AND VALUABLE collection of CHINESE & JAPANESE CURIOS, formed by THOS. ARNOLD, Esq.,

Comprising:—Bronzes, Old Soochow, Kioto and Yedo Gold Lacquer, Carved Ivory Netsukis, Old Satsuma, Banks and Kanga Ware, Nankin and Japan Blue and White Porcelain, an Unique collection of Old Japanese No-dancers Masks, a selection of Fine Old Scrolls, Paintings, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 12th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—AS CUSTOMARY.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 7, 1879. my14

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 751 and 752, with the Substantially Built DWELLING House and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINEY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to
MESSRS. SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,
Solicitors, Supreme Court House,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP and DANBY.

SHARP & CO.,
Estate Agents and Valuators,
WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,
Architect and Surveyor.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
lately occupied by
MESSRS. E. D. SASSOON & CO.,
Hongkong, April 17, 1879. my17

NOTICE.

M. R. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.

SAYLE & CO.

Hongkong, May 6, 1879. my16

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT ELTIZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. my1

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the Foochow Docks, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & CO.

Victoria Foundry, Wan-chai.
Hongkong, April 1, 1879. my18

NOTICE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October,

Dr. EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, NO. 60, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

TRADE MARK
RIMMEL

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & CO.,

SOLE Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

FOR SALE.

THE British Iron Barque "BEN CLUTHRA," 997 Tons Register, as she now lies at anchor in CHEFOO Harbour.

For Particulars, &c., apply to

MESSRS. H. SIETAS & CO., Chefoo.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my28

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

NOTICE.

THE following is the Description of a

EUROPEAN who DIED at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL this Morning.

The Body now lies in the Hospital

for Identification.—Age 35 or 40 years;

Complexion, fair; Hair, dark brown;

Whiskers, reddish; Eyes, grey; Height,

about 5 feet 7 inches. Linen marked J.

C., and JOHN CAMPBELL is tattooed on one

Arm.

Hongkong, May 12, 1879. my15

NOTICE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at

GODWNES, under European supervision;

and VESSELS Discharged alongside the

WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick

despatch.

MEYER & CO.,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be Held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 3 P.M. on

TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, for the pur-

pose of confirming such Special Resolution

passed by the Day.

Dated the 6th day of May, 1879.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879. my20

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER

MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agree-

ment, the Directors have declared a

DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for

THE FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-

ber 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT.

on the NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,

payable at our OFFICE on and after the

16th Instant.

INTIMATIONS.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

Published at the "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely
printed matter.THIS Mail Summary is compiled from
the Daily China Mail, is published
twice a month on the morning of the
English Mail's departure, and is a re-
cord of each fortnight's current history
of events in China and Japan, con-
tributed in original reports and collated
from the journals published at the various
ports in those Countries.It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,
Hongkong, Canton, etc., and a complete
Commercial Summary.Subscription 50 cents per Copy (postage
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BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham
Street, not later than the evening before the
departure of the English Mail Steamer.Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily
China Mail.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Under-signed in the Chinese Mail,
H. H. (Wah Tze Yat Po),
CHASSED from the 1st August, 1877.

KUN AVIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

In Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr Liang Yook Cau, as
Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new régime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leasee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt.
James Wiltshire.—Gilman & Co.ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma.
—Gibb, Livingston & Co.ALEXA, British barque, Captain George
Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.ANNIE W. WESTON, American barque,
Captain H. O. Winsor.—Order.VESTIGIA, American barque, Captain F.
W. Call.—Order.JOHN R. STANHOPE, American barque,
Capt. H. G. Pillsbury.—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.FLEURS CASTLE, British steamer, Capt.
Kidder.—Adamson, Bell & Co.ANGYL, British steamer, Captain D.
Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

SEALED TENDERS for the Extension
of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to
BOOF, PILLARS, etc., at H.M. NAVAL
YARD, will be Received by the Under-signed
on or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant,
at Noon.Plan and Specification can be seen on
application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S
OFFICE.

JOHN BRENNER,

Naval Storekeeper.

H. M.'s Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 18th May, 1879. my27

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Capt. THREBARTH, will be de-
spatched for the above Port
at Noon, TO-MORROW.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 13, 1879. my14

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 13, Diamante, British steamer, 514,
2, Thebaud, Manila May 10, General.—
Russell & Co.May 13, Cassandra, German steamer,
637, H. Langer, Saigon May 9, Rice.—
Siemssen & Co.May 13, noon, Gravina, Spanish steamer,
286, Melchior, Manila May 10, 5 pm,
General.—Rambertos & Co.May 13, Caribooke, British steamer,
960, H. Harton, Saigon May 9, General.—
SOW HIN CHAN.May 13, Leipzig, German frigate, 4000,
11 guns, 4800 b.p., Paschen, Yokohama
April 28.

DEPARTURES.

May 13, Carrick Castle, for Manila,
12, Republic, for Honolulu.

13, Florence Nightingale, for Whampoa.

13, Sack, for Marseilles, etc.

Cleared.

Sea Port, for Bangkok.
Makassar, for Saigon.

Atlanta, for Hobart, etc.

Glory, for Yokohama.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Diamante, from Manila, Mr O. E.
E. Edwards, 4 Europeans, and 20 Chinese.

Per Cassandra, from Saigon, 23 Chinese.

Per Caribooke, from Saigon, 75 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Sindu, from Hongkong : for Saigon,
Meers, Kagi-jima, Yamamoto, Kuniedi,
Doshikou, Ha Sun, and Wong On ; for
Singapore, Meers, D. C. Travon, and D. B.
Larken ; for Marseilles, Meers Frank
Hyde, MacIntyre, G. Baldewick, and
Grant ; From Shanghai : for Marseilles,
Meers C. W. Baird, O. M. Wyat, F.
Ditmer, The Robertson, C. G. T. Birth,
William Brosen, J. Barbe, D. S. Cox, J.
Henderson.—From Yokohama : for Mar-
selle, Meers Lohman, W. H. Gorach,
E. J. Giles, A. Eastwood, A. Ballie, T.
Baker, Th. Brockway, H. Bennett, W.
Woodward, C. Collins, J. Collins, D.
Donaldson, Geo. Pepperall, H. Hopton, M.
O. Abu, Geo. Crutchley, Requiat Laury,
and Giboin.

TO DEPART.

Per Atlanta, for Hoikow, etc., 4 Euro-
peans, and 40 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Diamante reports :
Light variable winds and fine weather
throughout.

The German steamer Cassandra reports :Fine weather with Northerly winds.

The German frigate Leipzig reports :
Under sail with light and variable winds
down to Formosa Strait 12 days, under
steam against strong S.W. monsoon through
the Strait and with nearly no wind from
Cape of Good Hope to port 3 days, 15 days
in all.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Swallow, sailed 18th May, 1879.—
For Continent, 624 bales Silk, 6 cases
Silks, 32 bales Waste Silk, 525 pgs. Tea,
and 508 pgs. Sundries.—For London, 24
bales Silk, 32 cases Silks, 15,189 boxes and
742 half-chests Tea, 14 pgs. Sundries, 11
cases Treasure (\$45,000), and 1 case Treas-
ure (Tia. S. 00).

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close :—

FOR AMOY.—
Per Diamante, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 14th Inst.FOR SAIGON.—
Per Finsbury, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow,
the 14th Inst.FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW.—
Per Kwangtung, at 11.30 a.m., on Thurs-
day, the 16th Inst.FOR SAIGON.—
Per Scotland, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 16th Inst.FOR HANKOW.—
Per Fleur Castle, at 5 p.m., on Thurs-
day, the 16th Inst.FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND
CALCUTTA.—
Per Venice and Japan, at 2.30 p.m., on
Saturday, the 17th Inst.MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—
The Australian Contract Packet Normanby,
will be despatched from Hongkong, on
THURSDAY, the 18th instant, with
Mails for Singapore, Thurnberry Island,
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania,
New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.Correspondence can be Registered till 1.15
p.m.The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supple-
mentary mail on board with 18 cents
fee till time of departure.Correspondence for Southern and Western
Australia can be sent by this route if
desired, but as a general rule it is
better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, May 1, 1879. my15

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Gwaelior,
will be despatched on TUESDAY,
the 20th instant, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;
to the Straits Settlements, Batavia,
Cocktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania,
New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.Correspondence can be Registered till 1.15
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mentary mail on board with 18 cents
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THE CHINA MAIL.

The United States Mail Packet City of
TOKYO, will be despatched on TUESDAY,
the 20th instant, with Mails for
Japan, San Francisco, and the United
States, which will be closed as fol-
lows :—

1.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage
until the time of departure.Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
(except the Bahamas and Hayti),
Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay
can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, May 8, 1879. my20

HOURS OF CLOSING
THE CONTRACT MAIL.The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, etc., by both the British and
French Contract Packets :—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes ; Post
Office closed except the Nizam Box,
which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and
patterns ceases.11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late
Letters.11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 18 cents until11.30 a.m., when the Post Office closes
nearly.11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late Fee of
18 cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet Alaska will
be despatched on MONDAY, the
26th instant, with Mails for Japan, San
Francisco, and the United States,
which will be closed as follows :—2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters
(except for Non-Union Countries) may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage
until the time of departure.Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies
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many, utterly refusing to acquire any
intelligence of the doings, ideas, or de-
signs of the latter country, prohibiting
her citizens to visit that country—all
indeed but ignoring its existence—while
France lay freely open to German inqui-
sition. For this “don't know, won't
know, and mustn't know” caricature of
a policy he holds Lord Lawrence mainly
responsible. When he went to the
Punjab he found the flag flying “No in-
tercourse with Afghanistan,” and nailed
it to the mast. And so came about the
miserably disgraceful and humiliating
fact that when danger to ourselves
arose from Russian intrigue with Afghan,
nobody was in the possession of an iota
of information about the country we had
to invade, the resources, roads or char-
acteristics of the region ten miles beyond
our own great cantonments of Peishawar.
The Quartermaster General's Depart-
ment issued a *precis* which purported to
summarise what was known about the
road through the Khyber, from Jum-
rood to Jellalabad ; it told scarcely
anything, he says ; what it did tell
proved to be uniformly and flagrantly
wrong. In 1863, when at Umballa,
Sheer Ali would have been willing to
accept British Residents if Lord Mayo
had been allowed to ask for them. There
is, Mr Forbes tells us on good authority,
a document in the archives of the Foreign
Office at Calcutta, in which is minuted the
assurance given to the Amir that
Nor Mahomed Sheli, the Amer's envoy
sent to Simla in 1873, that his master
was willing to consent to the presence
of British Officers in Afghanistan. We
not only lost these opportunities through
the thick-headedness of those at the
head of affairs, but by long continued
pursillanimity, gave rise to arrogance on
the part of the Amer which was encoun-
tered by the chimera of Russian support.Mr Forbes characterises as the very
anti-climax of obstinately intentional
pursillanimity, the spirit or so-called policy
on the part of our Government, which
prevented unofficial Englishmen exploring
Afghan at their own risk and expense.MacGregor, Lockwood, Pelly and March
had been there, and came back safely ; but
when Forbes wanted to go he was refused leave, and when he
announced that he would proceed without
leave, he was told he would be pursued and brought back by cavalry when
his departure was discovered. The writer
then entered into the different epochs
that Sheer Ali's relations with ourselves have
passed through. “As regards him the
epochs are three : the epoch of his
tolerable friendliness ; the epoch of his
surineness ; and the epoch of his alienation.As regards our policy the epochs are
four : the epoch of the Lawrence
policy, the epoch of the Mayo policy,
warm and genial compared with the former,
but under protest from the powers at home, and frosty by the
Lawrence bias of the Duke of Argyl ;
the epoch of the Northbrook policy,
on the old placidly negative Lawrence
lines ; and the Lytton epoch, imbued
with the more peremptory spirit of Lord Salisbury.”The time is not long past when these
epochs and their faults and advantages
were fully discussed ; we do not therefore
intend to enter upon their discussion
to-day. Mr Forbes writes most
scathingly and vigorously of the vacil-
lating and unmanly policy which led to
Sheer Ali undisguisedly declaring
himself our enemy. We cannot pass
without reference, nor refer to without
heartily endorsing, his reference to the
present Governor General of India. “If
Lord Hardinge meant in any other
than a political sense his remark that
‘Lord Lytton was everything that a
Viceroy ought not to be,’ he achieved
a miracle of succinct definition. Aiming
seemingly at the proud rôle of *petit maître*,
Lord Lytton only succeeds in being a *petit crétin*, with a dash of the
satyr and a mild infusion of the second-
hand Jesuit. In his public capacity he is
frequently ridiculous ; he is crude,
rash, and impulsive ; but he is laudably
under discipline to the orders of his
superior, and has the faculty of writing
extremely

watching his chance, picked up a hatchet and struck the European on the back of the neck, nearly severing the head from the body. This was the signal for a general rising; the boatmen were set upon and four of their number butchered, the fifth managed to escape by jumping overboard, and after being nearly twenty hours in the water was picked up in an exhausted state by the cruiser and told his story. The smugglers are supposed to have landed on this island somewhere near Stanley and to have disposed of their junk by scuttling her. We hardly think this can be correct, however, as they would hardly scuttle their vessel, as it was to save themselves from imprisonment and their property from confiscation that they committed the outrage. At all events, if this be so, they are a pleasant addition to our family.

THE GARDEN PARTY IN HONOUR OF GENERAL GRANT.

The two impressions which forced themselves upon one's mind in the Public Gardens last night were,—that of satisfaction that the spectacle was the finest of its kind ever seen in Hongkong, and of regret

that the great man in whose honour it was organized was absent and did not see it. Enough, and probably more than that, has been said about the unfortunate circumstances which led to the General's absence; and the success, in other respects, of the entertainment may serve to allay the rather strong feeling of disappointment entertained by the Committee at the inauspicious weather, and by the public at the Committee and the unsettled weather combined. It is a pity that the lovely weather of last night was not forthcoming on Saturday, and it was also a pity that the gallant General did not postpone his departure for say twelve hours. However, let that now pass.

So far as arrangements were concerned, the party came as near to a perfect success as mortals could make it. It was a festive fit for the gods—only, for some unaccountable reason, the "nectar" was left out of the programme, and but a "dim religious light" was seen in the so-called "buffet." This was, however, the less to be regretted, on account of the brilliant attractions which surrounded the visitors on all sides. The night was lovely; and as the arrangements at the gates were such that few but subscribers and ticket-holders found entrance, there was no crowding. Those of the Chinese community who were admitted—and we were glad to notice a fair number—were of the most respectable class, and were more becomingly attired than on a recent occasion. There was great excitement amongst the native community, and crowds began to gather round the Gardens hour before the appointed time. During the entertainment the roads leading to the gates were almost blocked with the natives, who massed in every spot available for a glimpse of what was going on within the enclosure. The attendance in the Garden was very large, and all seemed equally delighted with the success of the spectacle. The scene was more like fairyland than most of those present have yet witnessed; as there are very few places in the East or anywhere else more suitable for a fine display of this description than the Botanical Gardens; while the nature of the ground in every way favoured the effect.

Few things are more difficult than the attempt to give a clear impression of such a scene as that furnished in the Gardens on this occasion. To be fully realized in all its beauty it must be seen. During the stay of the Duke of Edinburgh in Hongkong there was much that was effective and pleasing in the way of illumination; but the Committee of Arrangements on the present occasion have certainly hit upon something both new and beautiful in the matter of public demonstrations, and Her Majesty, or any other celebrity whose merits were sufficient to call forth "joy unbounded," should favour us with a call; this will probably be the most popular form of reception—in fine weather.

All the terraces and walks throughout were festooned with Chinese lanterns of varied colours and evergreens, hung closely together; while amongst the boughs of nearly every tree were placed large numbers of white lanterns, the general effect of which was very pleasing. Probably the best general view of the scene was obtainable from the lower part of the grounds. At either end of the first terrace was an arch formed of bamboo, evergreens and lanterns; while in the centre stood a large triumphal arch, on which the Stars and Stripes were prominently displayed. At the top of this arch was placed a transparency showing a very fair portrait of General Grant on the one side, and on the other the flags of Great Britain and the United States, with the significant words "E Pluribus Unum" over all. The path leading from the arch to the Fountain level was tastefully decorated with groups of plants, the good genius here having been Mr. Ford, the Garden Superintendent. Ascending to the Fountain, you passed through lanes of light, every pathway being lined out with lanterns and evergreens. The Fountain, which was

in full play, was decorated with evident fasto; and the lights here placed, being covered with red, blue, green and pink silk, shed a sombre light, the effect of which was refreshing and pretty. Higher up you approached the crowning glory of the entertainment—a large triumphal arch formed so as to somewhat resemble the American flag.

The words "Welcome General Grant" were very neatly done in gas, and under this and along the sides were hundreds of gas jets in globes; while the blue ground of the arch was resplendent with silver stars. A large and most striking five-pointed star, done in gas, stood at some distance behind the great arch, on the grassy slope; and in truth, stars here seemed to meet the eye at every turn. A large marquee was erected for the reception of H. E. the Governor and party—and the General, had he not taken his departure—and several tents were erected on different parts of the grounds for the accommodation of others; while chairs and benches were scattered all over the slopes for the use of the visitors. The Band of the 27th Regiment was in attendance, and under Herr Werner's direction played the following selections during the evening:

Overture "Bubizahl" Flotow.
Quadrille "Convent Garden" Coote.
Selection "Irish" Godfrey.
Valse "Sourvenir" Delamelle.
Selection "Scotch" Cavallini.
Polka "Spring Flowers" Werner.

From half-past nine until midnight fire-works were let off from the lower terrace—consisting of rockets, crackers, squibs, and set pieces—which attracted a great amount of attention and no little admiration. The set pieces were lighted from four frames, and afforded much amusement—representing, as they did, pagodas, mandarins, dancing girls, priests, animals, birds and fishes. One piece, which represented a steamer of the *Powen* type, was amongst the best; the ship appeared to be enveloped in flames, then guns were fired in quick succession, and when it seemed as though the whole fabric was burst up, it appeared swinging majestically in repose, with lamps all round her—a calm after the storm. Rockets were sent up at intervals from Bellevue by Lieut. Saunders and party, with a pretty effect. The air indeed became charged with a strong smell of gunpowder, and occasionally the continued din of the crackers and squibs made it difficult to hear the Band.

The general arrangements were designed by Mr Price, the Surveyor of General, whose staff were employed to carry out the details;

the large arch was erected by Messrs Prestage and Coulson; Mr Neate superintended the putting up of the other arch; Messrs Cleaver, Sampson, and King looked after the festooning process; and Mr Stanfield took

guilty to the different counts.

The Acting Attorney General opened the case in a clear statement, which occupied an hour in delivery. He went fully into the facts of the felonies first as to the murder of the Captain and the officers, and then as to the murder of the Chinese; his Lordship would direct them that the act of threatening the boy so as to make him jump overboard and drown himself amounted to murder. He quoted from Boyd's Merchant Shipping Act to show the propriety of the form in which the 5th, 6th, and 7th counts were framed. The depositions taken by Mr Treacher, the Consul General of Borneo, and Acting Governor of Labuan, could not be put in, as they did not bear on the face of them that they had been taken on oath, and it was not clear that he had any ministerial or judicial authority.

The third prisoner, he said, had been the most active, being in fact the ring-leader; the second prisoner halved with him the command; he asked them to keep in their minds the three prisoners in the order 1, Ali; 2, Hassan; and 3, John.

Some formal evidence by Inspector Mason, and a Malay Police Sergeant of the Labuan police, proved the men in the dock to have been handed over to the police by the Governor of Labuan; and the property produced, ensign, lamp, swords, telescope, compasses, &c., was identified. Other formal evidence was given by a clerk in the harbour master's office, a clerk in the office of the agents for the owners, two boarding house keepers, a clerk to the Borneo Co., who shipped certain goods by the vessel proving the vessel's sailing, and identifying prisoners as belonging to her.

ARE JURORS TO HAVE TIFFIN?

An exceedingly important and useful and valuable discussion arose at half past one, the usual hour for adjournment. Mr Russell remarked, as is always done, that probably before the next witness was called the Court would consider this a convenient time for adjournment. The Judge said: "I can't adjourn; in a case of life and death, I don't see how it can be done."

Mr Russell: My Lord, it becomes a question of human endurance. It's a question of lunah.

His Honor: I am quite ready to go straight on without lunch. Are the jury? (The jury wagged its wise heads solemnly and unanimously, and did not seem quite to see the advisability of going without tiffin if they could possibly help it.)

His Honor: I have given a great deal of attention to this case, and considering that every particular of these crimes will be a matter of question hereafter, the question of allowing the jury to separate is a very important one. So far as the general question is concerned it is laid down in the latest authorities on the subject, it is set forth as the law of England by which I govern here in the absence of any local ordinance inconsistent therewith, that the jury be allowed to retire in custody of the sheriff, being charged and agreeing not to listen to anything spoken to them regarding the case in their hands; and the sheriff is bound not to allow any man to speak to them so far as to question them whether they have agreed on their verdict. That is the law as laid down everywhere, in Stephen, in Brow, in Chitty, and many other writers.

That they together with others unknown did murder William Frederick Guse, on board the British barque *Kate Waters*, wherof he was master, on the high seas, November 8, 1878.

That they with others unknown did then and there murder Christopher Bowen, first mate of the vessel.

That they together with others unknown did murder Harry Haywood, second mate of the vessel.

That immediately after the commission of the above felonies, they, with others

unknown, did "piratically, feloniously and violently steal the said vessel," with her apparel and tackle, and 500 boxes of oil, 240 bales Manila hemp, 500 rolls of China matting, 800 bags of rice, 84 bundles of rattans, 2 compasses, 1 telescope, 1 pair of binoculars, 1 enaign, 1 lamp, 1 revolver, 2 swords, and \$35 in money.

That they being seamen on board the *Kate Waters* did murder one Asing at an uninhabited island in the Pacific named Maliaing, out of her Majesty's dominions, on or about November 20th.

Being seamen on board that vessel, did murder one Kam Po Lo, same place and time.

Being seaman on board that vessel, did murder a Chinese boy, name unknown, same place and time.

The three prisoners are quite young men. The first is quite a boy apparently not far in his teens; he has rather a pleasing face, regularly-featured; the second is an ugly customer, tall and lanky; the third is a determined-looking scoundrel, older and more vicious-looking than either of the others. The first two are natives of Siam; the third is a native of Java.

The following jurors were called:—Messrs (1) Albert Guiltzow, (2) W. H. Forbes, (M. C. do Rosario excused as he is to be called as a witness) (3) D. Gilles, (E. W. Vogel excused through indisposition), (4) Fritz A. F. Grobin, (5) W. Reiners, (6) N. J. Ede, (7) Robert Walker.

The Acting Attorney General, Mr Russell, instructed by Mr E. Sharp, (the Crown Solicitor), prosecuted; Mr Ng Choy, instructed by Mr Stephens, Holmes and Stephens, defended the prisoners.

The Chief Justice, while the indictment was being read, pointed out that the robbery was alleged to have been committed after the murder of the Captain, and asked whether the property was vested in him by the indictment.

The Acting Attorney General answered that all that was set forth in the indictment was that it was lately in the possession of the Captain.

The Chief Justice quoted Blackstone's authority to show that a proprietorship must, by a very clear decision of Justice Hayes, be alleged in any article stolen; but at the same time, the indictment might read "the property of some person or persons unknown."

The Attorney General quoted Russell on Crime, vol. I, II and 12 William III, to

show that it was sufficient to prove such property in a ship, to prove that said vessel was lately in the possession of a person named. That law was still in force; the punishments were changed, but the law was still the same.

After half an hour's discussion, the indictment was amended by the insertion of the words "the property of some person or persons to the Acting Attorney General unknown," or their equivalent, after the words "immediately previous in the lawful possession" &c.

Mr Russell: But the first argument arises from a set of circumstances which is not likely to arise here.

The Chief Justice: If the prisoners have not personal friends they, I presume, may have sympathy from different people and classes. Supposing I let them go, supposing they were convicted, supposing the case went to a higher tribunal, then that tribunal would be at liberty to say that I had exercised a most injudicious discretion.

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